

POLICY AND CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 6, 2014

Oliver Administration Building

Present

Subcommittee: William O'Dell, Chair; and Lynn Wainwright

School Committee, Administration & Guests: John Saviano, Mario Andrade and Diane Sanna

Absent: Diana Campbell

Meeting called to order by Bill O. at 6:34 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Lynn W. motioned to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting; Bill O. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Consolidation of Policies Discussion/Action

In an effort to avoid redundancy and duplication of School Committee policies, a request was made of Diane S. at the last Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee meeting to review several School Committee policies for the purpose of consolidation.

Bill O. commented that the purpose of tonight's meeting focus would be consolidation of policies. Once a consolidated policy has been

approved for a first and second reading by the full School Committee, a review of the content of the “new” consolidated policy will be undertaken, if necessary, and any recommendations for changes discussed at that time.

Qualifications and Duties of Superintendent Policy (CBA)

Diane S. presented the proposed revisions to the Qualifications and Duties of Superintendent Policy (CBA) which include integrated portions from the Administration Goals Policy (CA). A discussion ensued. Smithing changes were noted and will be incorporated into the policy prior to the first reading by the full School Committee.

MOTION: Lynn W. made a motion to move the revised Qualifications and Duties of Superintendent Policy (CBA) to the full School Committee for a first reading; seconded by Bill O. The motion passed unanimously.

School Committee Powers and Duties Policy (BBA)

Diane S. stated that during the last Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee meeting, the original intent discussed was to merge Negotiations Goals Policy (HA) into School Committee Powers and Duties Policy (BBA). Diane S. said after researching related policies, Negotiations Legal Status Policy (HB), School Committee Negotiating Powers and Duties Policy (HD), School Committee Negotiating Agents Policy (HE) and Staff Negotiating Organizations Policy (HG), she determined that there was considerable repetition of content with

the Negotiations Goals Policy (HA). As such, she incorporated segments of Negotiations Legal Status Policy (HB), School Committee Negotiating Powers and Duties Policy (HD), School Committee Negotiating Agents Policy (HE) and Staff Negotiating Organizations Policy (HG) into School Committee Powers and Duties Policy (BBA).

Bill O' highlighted two specific ideas, "primary right" and "authority to govern" from the School Committee Negotiating Powers and Duties Policy (HD) that he deemed necessary to be included in the revised School Committee Powers and Duties Policy (BBA).

Smithing changes were noted and will be incorporated into the policy prior to the first reading by the full School Committee.

RIASC Catalogue of Policies

During the last Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting, John S. was asked to report back to the Subcommittee information regarding RIASC's Catalogue of Policies.

John S. reported that a majority of the policies contained within RIASC's Catalogue of Policies are either from RIDE or based on court decisions. He stated that RIASC's attorney maintains that RIASC's Catalogue of Policies is current.

John S. distributed several policies contained within the RIASC

Catalogue of Policies that the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee might find helpful. He also shared information and resources for accessing RIASC's entire catalogue of policies.

Bill O. commented that it would be beneficial for the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee to establish a protocol for use when creating a new School Committee Policy. Resources mentioned for inclusion in the protocol are: the District's legal counsel, RIASC's Catalogue of Policies, and RIDE's information related to Rhode Island General Law. Due to the imminent change in Subcommittee officers, Bill O. stated that establishing a protocol for developing new policies will be addressed at a future meeting under the new leadership.

Policy Review List

Updates to the Policy Review List were discussed.

Future Agenda Items

- Consolidation of Policies**
- GC Series Policies Recommendations**
- Protocol for Policy Development**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

**MOTION: At 7:23 pm Lynn W. motioned to adjourn; Bill O. seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.**

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